

## RUSSIAN TERMS UNACCEPTABLE

Central Powers Said to Declare  
Proposals Do Not Show Com-  
promising Attitude.

Berlin, Jan. 17, via London.—An official statement issued here today giving the reply by the central powers to the Russian proposals at Brest-Litovsk on Monday says the Russian proposals concerning the regions occupied by the central powers diverge to such a degree from the views of the central powers that in their present form they are unacceptable.

The official statement says the Russian proposals do not show a compromising attitude and do not consider the opposing parties on a just basis. Nevertheless, it adds, the central powers again are prepared to give a clearly formulated expression of their opinions and to try to find a basis for a compromise.

**Compelled to Continue War.**  
The assertion that the right of self-determination is an attribute of nations and not of parts of nations is not our contention, the statement says. It must not be assumed that the limits of occupation are a standard for fixing the boundaries of such portions. The Austro-Germans, the statement declares, do not intend incorporating the territories now occupied by them into their respective countries.

**Still Hope for Understanding.**  
The central powers agreed, it is added, that a vote of the peoples on broad lines be sanctioned on the basis of citizenship, but it was declared that a referendum appeared to be impracticable. The central powers think that a vote on a wide basis taken from the electors and supplemented by a representative body would suffice.

Desiring to reach an understanding with Russia, the statement continues, the central powers made the foregoing far-reaching proposals which represent the most extreme limits within which they still hope to reach a peaceful understanding.

**Withdrawal Impossible.**  
The withdrawal of the Austrian and German troops from the occupied territories while the war lasts is impossible, the statement says. The Austrians and Germans, says the statement, do not intend to compel the territories in dispute to accept this or that form of state, but they reserve for themselves and the peoples of the occupied territories a free hand for the conclusion of treaties of every kind.

If military conditions permit, the central powers may endeavor to reduce the size of the occupying forces to such numbers as are necessary to maintain order and meet technical requirements of the country. The setting up of a national gendarmerie may be striven for.

Regarding the return to their homes of civilians who have been removed, the statement says this question may be examined in a benevolent spirit from time to time, but that it could be entrusted to a special commission, as it is not an issue of outstanding importance politically.

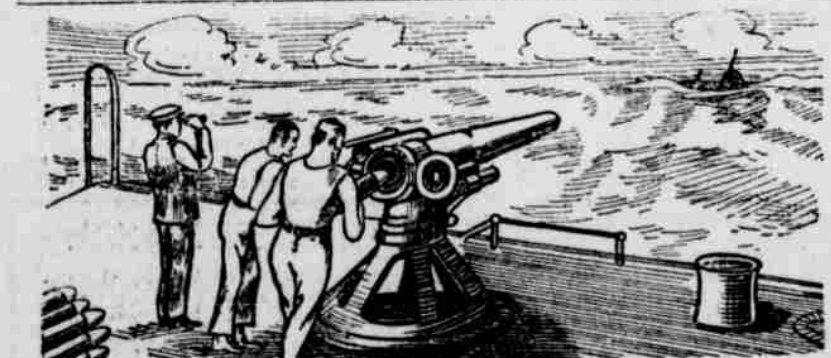
## BOSTONIANS COMPLAIN OF GOVERNMENT ORDER

Boston, Jan. 17.—Many business and labor leaders, commenting today upon the fuel administrator's order for coal conservation, declared the situation did not seem to them to demand the hardships which they pointed out would follow the five-day closing of industrial plants.

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The machinery of the body needs to be oiled, kept in good condition, just as the guns or machinery of a ship. Why should a human person

## FORMER RUSSIAN CZAR ESCAPES FROM PRISON

London, Jan. 17.—Nicholas Romanoff, the former emperor of Russia, and his family have escaped from their prison near Tobolsk, it is reported in Petrograd, according to a Reuters dispatch from the Russian capital. The report, the dispatch adds, lacks confirmation.

## REGARD BOLSHEVIK POWER AS A MIRAGE

German Agency Credited With  
Hand in Rumanian-Rus-  
sian Incident.

London, Jan. 17.—The version of the incident that resulted in the arrest of Rumanian Minister Diamandi, given by the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News, says the Rumanian troops surrounded a Russian regiment, and with it some Austrians who were visiting the Russians, thus breaking the conditions of the armistice on the eastern front. The Rumanians stopped the Russian supplies, disarmed the Russian soldiers and arrested the regimental committee.

The whole incident, the correspondent says, suggests a German agency, because nothing would suit the Germans better than an excuse to break with Russia over a breach of the armistice instead of over an important point in the peace negotiations.

**Is De Facto Recognition.**  
It is insisted by the correspondent that the visit of the allied and neutral diplomats to Premier Lenine constitutes a de facto recognition of the bolshevik government. M. Rudnov, mayor of Moscow and leader of the social revolutionists, invited foreign journalists to meet him Tuesday for the purpose of securing support for his party. The conversations at the meeting, the correspondent of the Daily News says, confirmed his view that more is to be feared than gained from a replacement of the bolsheviks by the social revolutionists.

**Will Appeal to Allies.**  
The social revolutionists, Rudnov said, control a majority of the constituent assembly and would, after the assembly meets, immediately appeal to the allies for an interallied conference with a view to opening negotiations for an immediate democratic peace. The speeches of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George could be the starting points and a speedy answer to the appeal would be desirable, as delay would mean the ruin of the social revolutionists and a serious risk for the allies. Asked whether if the bolsheviks retain power and wage a holy war against Germany, the social revolutionists would support it, M. Rudnov is reported to have replied:

"We regard the bolshevik power as a mirage. In the case you mention we would act toward the bolshevik governments as we acted toward the czar."

## SNOWSTORMS FROM GERMANY REACH HOLLAND

Amsterdam, Jan. 17.—Violent snowstorms which recently were prevalent in northern Germany have now reached Holland. Telegraph and telephone communication with adjacent countries is disrupted considerably and railway and street car traffic is disorganized seriously.

Three hospital ships bound for England with British wounded are held up at Rotterdam, while the Holland-American line steamer Nieuw Amsterdam is still unable to sail.

## PRESS OF BOTH GERMAN PARTIES CLAIM VICTORY IN CONFERENCES

(Associated Press Review.)  
While German newspapers report a resumption of the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk official confirmation is lacking. The resumption of the conference in Berlin also is uncertain. Both militarists and nonmilitarists newspapers in Germany claim victory for their respective groups and nothing official probably will be forthcoming until Imperial Chancellor Von Hertling makes his statement before the reichstag main committee on Friday.

It is assumed in London that the hurried meetings of military and political leaders in Berlin did not result in any definite change of peace policies.

In Russia the bolshevik government is faced with the meeting of the constituent assembly on Friday, and with the carrying out of a threat of war made against Rumania, should the bolshevik ultimatum not be answered satisfactorily. Premier Lenine has demanded that the Rumanians release bolshevik soldiers now under arrest for the alternative of a rupture of relations and military measures by the bolsheviks. Rumania is given twenty-four hours in which to make a satisfactory reply.

## CONGRESS TAKES ACTION ON ORDER

Washington, Jan. 17.—The fuel administration's order proposing to close down industrial activities and business east of the Mississippi for a period of days to solve the coal shortage today threw congress into an uproar.

Republicans and democrats alike in both house and senate introduced resolutions to stop the order. Fuel Administrator Garfield was summoned before the senate committee investigating the coal situation and asked to explain his reasons and the causes for the order which senators in debate characterized as a mistake, a calamity and most unwise.

From all sections of the country protests poured down upon congressmen and senators and into the White House. The legal experts at the fuel administration were busy during the day preparing the legal text of the order, which it was said probably would be more liberal in its exceptions than had been indicated by the official forecast given out last night.

## RUSSIAN ON MISSION TO U. S. COMMITS SUICIDE

New York, Jan. 17.—Nicholas Iseguine, who, according to the Russian consulate here, has been in the United States on a special mission for the Russian government, was found in his apartment here today with a bullet wound in his breast. He was taken to a hospital, where it was said there was a slight chance of his recovery.

Russian consular officials declared they did not know the nature of Iseguine's mission in this country. A note found in his apartment read: "Death comes perfectly voluntarily."

## NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

	Wednesday	Thursday
American Beet Sugar	74 1/2	74 1/2
American Can	36 1/2	36 1/2
American Car and Foundry	71 1/2	71 1/2
American Locomotive	55 1/2	55 1/2
American Smelting and Ref.	29 1/2	29 1/2
American Sugar Refining	99	97 1/2
Anacosta Copper	62 1/2	62 1/2
Atchafalpa	83 1/2	83 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	40	39 1/2
Baltimore and Ohio	51 1/2	52 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	74	74 1/2
Canadian Pacific	128	128 1/2
Central Leather	63 1/2	63 1/2
Chesapeake and Ohio	51 1/2	51 1/2
Chl. Mill and St. P.	42 1/2	42 1/2
Chl. R. and P. Ry.	17	16 1/2
Chino Copper	42	42
Colorado Fuel and Iron	35 1/2	35 1/2
Columbia Gas and Electric	32 1/2	32 1/2
Cong. Products	31	30 1/2
Crescent Steel	56 1/2	56 1/2
Cuba Cane Sugar	30 1/2	30 1/2
General Motors	112 1/2	112 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	86	87
Great Northern Cfs.	26	26
Inspiration Copper	44	44
Inter. Merc. Marine Pfd.	83 1/2	83 1/2
Kennecott Copper	31 1/2	31 1/2
Louisville and Nashville	112 1/2	112 1/2
Maxwell Motor Co.	23 1/2	24
Mexican Petroleum	86 1/2	87 1/2
Miami Copper	46	45 1/2
Midvale Steel	46	45 1/2
Missouri Pacific	21	21 1/2
Nevada Copper	18 1/2	18 1/2
New York Central	68 1/2	68 1/2
Norfolk and Western	103 1/2	103 1/2
Northern Pacific	81 1/2	82
Ohio Cities Gas	36 1/2	36 1/2
Pennsylvania	36 1/2	36 1/2
Pittsburgh Coal	44	43 1/2
Ray Consolidated Copper	23 1/2	23 1/2
Reading	31 1/2	31 1/2
Republic Iron and Steel	71 1/2	71 1/2
Sinclair Oil	32	32 1/2
Southern Pacific	81	81 1/2
Southern Railway	32 1/2	32 1/2
Studebaker Co.	48 1/2	47 1/2
Tennessee Copper	12 1/2	12 1/2
Texas Co.	51	51
Tobacco Products	51	51
Union Pacific	111 1/2	111 1/2
United Cigar Stores	91	91
U. S. Industrial Alcohol	111	111
U. S. Rubber	52	52 1/2
U. S. Steel	91 1/2	90 1/2
Yah Copper	80 1/2	80 1/2
Yavapai Pfd.	39 1/2	39 1/2
Yonkers Electric	40	39
Wells Fargo	17	16 1/2
Western T. and P.	103 1/2	104
Illinois Central	32	32
Gulf Coast Line	30	29 1/2
Gulf States Steel	88 1/2	88 1/2
Seaboard Air Line	71 1/2	71 1/2
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	38	40
United Fruit	116 1/2	117 1/2
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	30 1/2	30 1/2
General Electric	129 1/2	130 1/2

## NEW YORK COTTON FUTURES

CLOSING.  
New York, Jan. 17.—The cotton market closed barely steady. January, 30.62c; March, 29.25c; May, 28.55c; July, 28.66c; October, 28.18c.

## NEW ORLEANS COTTON FUTURES

CLOSING.  
New Orleans, Jan. 17.—The market for cotton closed steady at a net decline of 1/4 to 1/2 points. January, 28.45c; March, 28.27c; May, 28.02c; July, 28.76c; October, 27.26c.

## COTTONSEED OIL.

New York, Jan. 17.—Cottonseed oil closed quiet. Spot, 20.25c bid; January, 20.15c; March, 20.20c; May, 20.30c. No sales.

has been put off from time to time by the bolshevik since the elections resulted unfavorably to the Lenine government. Control of the assembly is in the hands of the social revolutionists, whose leader announces that the assembly, if convened, will appeal for an inter-allied conference to discuss an immediate democratic peace on the basis of the statements of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd-George.

Military operations on the western front are confined to the usual raids and artillery duels. East of the Brenna and on the lower Plave, the Italians have repulsed Austro-German attempts to recapture the positions lost Monday.

British merchant shipping losses show a marked decrease from the two previous weeks, submarines and mines accounting for six vessels of more than 1,600 tons and two of less than that tonnage the past week, as compared with twenty-one ships, including eighteen of more than 1,600 tons, in the previous week to six including five or more than 1,600 tons, during the week ending Jan. 13.

## POPULATION OF U. S. PLACED AT 105,006,000

Washington, Jan. 17.—The population of continental United States on Jan. 1 was 105,006,000, as estimated by treasury department experts who calculate the per capita money circulation at \$48.76 on that date. An increase of 1,719,000 in population from Jan. 1 last is shown, while the per capita circulation increased \$5.76.

## FRANK CRITICISM AND SURPRISE EXPRESSED

New York, Jan. 17.—Surprise and in many instances frank criticism that greeted the first news in New York of the drastic measures promulgated by the national fuel administration for the conservation of coal, today found officials, employers and employees studying the provisions of the order, their possible effects on the city's industries and the manner in which they would be enforced.

## BAD WEATHER RETARDS COAL TRANSPORTATION

Washington, Jan. 17.—Bad weather reduced coal movements between the Appalachian mountains and the Mississippi river today to less than at any time within the last week, according to reports reaching the railroad administration.

## LABOR BUREAU SHOWS INCREASE OF WAGES

Washington, Jan. 17.—Wages continued to mount in November, figures issued today by the bureau of labor statistics showing that in thirteen selected industries all showed increases as compared with October and also with November, 1916. The greatest increase from October to November in the total amount paid to employees in any industry was 13.2 per cent. in cotton manufacturing.

## G. W. SIMMONS TO TOUR FRANCE FOR RED CROSS

St. Louis, Jan. 17.—George W. Simmons, manager of the southwestern division of the American Red Cross, was informed today that he had been placed on a committee to tour France, inspecting Red Cross activities there with a view to obtaining a more intelligent handling of the work in the United States.

## BONAR LAW DENIES THAT CAPITAL WILL BE TAXED

London, Jan. 17.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, declared in the house of commons today that the government had not considered the question of taxing capital and had no intention of proposing such a tax. The chancellor said he would make a statement on the whole subject at an early date.

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1/2 cup Cottolene  
2 cups sugar  
2 eggs  
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1 level teaspoon salt  
Flour  
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